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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement of February 7, 2008, Applicants elect Group III, claims 41-49. The election is made without traverse. Applicants note that the restriction requirement includes some general discussion of election of species, but that no specific election of species seems to be discussed. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if an election of species is being requested.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

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